



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Charles Spies, Esq.
Republican National Committee
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

February 20, 2004

RE: MUR 5197
Republican National Committee and
Michael L. Retzer, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Spies:

On February 3, 2004, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Abely".

Marianne Abely
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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